

GIVES LIE TO VON BISSING

Belgian Idleness Not Due to
Isolation, Officials
Point Out

ENGLAND AGREED TO SUPPLY MATERIAL

Germany Refused to Pass It
—Industry Crippled by
Teuton Seizures

Havre, France, Dec. 21.—Replying to the note of Gen. Von Bissing on the deportation of Belgians to Germany, where, it is alleged, they have been set at work upon military defenses or at labor that relieves German subjects for service at the front, the Belgian senators and deputies point out, in a communication published yesterday, that Gen. Von Bissing does not contest the brutality of the deportations and the scenes of despair resulting therefrom. They deny that the idleness of the Belgians is attributable to the isolation of the country by the act of the allies, and recall that England agreed to facilitate a supply of raw material for industries as well as food for the population, under diplomatic supervision.

"This was a guarantee," says the Belgian rejoinder, "too natural to be rejected; but it was refused and the project was necessarily abandoned under pressure from German manufacturers, who, without doubt, anticipated the complete ruin of Belgian competition."

The reply says that if there are idle workers in Belgium it is because the German authorities used every means to deprive them of work and opposed the resumption of industry provided by private and public enterprises.

"Published decrees," the reply adds, "since Dec. 11, 1914, show how great a part of our national industry has been stripped methodically and paralyzed by the seizure and removal of tools, machines, raw materials and material for textile products."

After recalling the proclamation of Gen. Von Bissing at the outset of his administration, in which he promised to restore peace and economic prosperity to the occupied regions, the reply concludes: "History will say what that restoration was and also that the demoralizing and depopulation of our occupied provinces for the benefit of belligerent Germany has not been accomplished without cries of revolt. The imprecations of the deported and their families and the protestations of public conscience have echoed throughout the world."

WAR ON NOXIOUS ANIMALS.

Hunters Employed to Destroy Rabbits
Coyotes—Rodents Poisoned.

Depredations of predatory animals accompanied by outbreaks of rabies among them in parts of Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, and Utah resulted in the shooting, trapping and poisoning of over 11,000 coyotes during the last fiscal year by hunters in the employ of the biological survey of the department. Altogether over 15,000 noxious animals, including wolves, coyotes, mountain lions, and bobcats were destroyed. The seriousness of the outbreaks of rabies will be realized when it is stated that more than 60 persons were treated by state authorities of Nevada during the year on account of having been bitten by either wild or domestic animals. The loss of live stock has been very heavy. At Winnemucca, Nev., a single rabid coyote caused the loss of 27 steers.

During the past year over 250,000 acres of government and public lands have been covered with poisoned grain for the extermination of ground squirrels. Large areas of private agricultural land also have been cleared of these pests through campaigns conducted by the owners under the direction of representatives of the biological survey. Operations have been continued effectively against prairie dogs, and over 1,500,000 acres have been practically cleared of these destructive animals. Improvements which have been made by the bureau in methods of exterminating prairie dogs have encouraged large numbers of farmers to destroy them on their lands.

Effective methods of destroying jack rabbits have been devised and the depredations of these animals have been greatly reduced in many localities where they had proved exceedingly destructive. Similar satisfactory results are being obtained in operations against gophers and moles.

Important experiments have also been conducted and methods devised for the control of seed-eating mammals which work havoc in tree plantations and areas which are being reforested.

Some Hints About the Fashions.

Grace Margaret Gould, the fashion editor of the Woman's Home Companion, says in the January issue: "Afternoon tea veils are the loveliest ever! They are black mesh, some embroidered in gold threads and others in gray worsted. The embroidered portion is draped over the hat, really forming a fascinating hat trimming."

"In the latest gaiters the buckle is no longer at the side. The strap fastens under the shoe. Box cloth is the material; preferable colors gray and light tau. The gaiters are leather bound and have what is known as the waving top—higher in the back than in the front."

"Many skirt hems are edged with an inch-wide fringe. On street dresses, gray, black and brown fringes are most used; on evening dresses, gold or silver. "Not a ribbon trims the latest-to-arrive French underwear. Nightgowns and envelope chemises are trimmed with scallops or squares of colored linen in pink, yellow and French blue. Narrow strips of this colored linen take the place of lingerie ribbons."

"The Paisley shawl has come to life again, but not in its old demure form. Though you can fairly smell the camphor, yet the new Paisley dress accessories are the latest things out. They come in sets. They are combined with fur—saskin the favorite. There is the close fitting hat which resembles the steppeler; the pointed cape with the chin-chin collar, and the quaint hand-bag."

LIKE ELECTRIC BUTTON ON TOES

Tells Why a Corn Is So Painful and
Says Cutting Makes Them
Grow.

Press an electric button and you form a contact with a live wire which rings the bell. When your shoes press against your corn it pushes its sharp roots down upon a sensitive nerve and you get a shock of pain.

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RUSSIANS BATTLING IN THE DOBRUDJA

Teuton Attack on Slav Lines Opposite
Hirsova Repulsed by Slavs,
London Cables.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 21.—Fighting has been in progress on the west bank of the Danube, nearly opposite Hirsova, Dobrudja, between Russia and Teutonic forces, the war office announced yesterday. Attacks on the Russian lines were repulsed. Outpost engagements of considerable violence have also taken place on the Dobrudja side of the Danube.

BUSINESS FOR WESTERLY.

Some Memorials to Be Cut Out of Rhode
Island Stone.

The Westerly (R. I.) Sun of recent date contains the following items of interest to the granite trade:

Of interest to the people of Westerly will be the following contracts which have been awarded the New England Granite Works, to be cut in native granite. In several instances the Westerly concern successfully bid against a large number of competitors.

In the late Charles L. Spencer of Hartford, Conn., have presented to the Woodlawn cemetery of Suffield, Conn., a memorial gateway to the memory of their daughter, Julia Spencer Goldthwaite. This gateway is to be erected out of red Westerly granite and the New England Granite Works have furnished design and have been awarded the contract.

Fifty friends of the late Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who lost his life on the steamship Lusitania, are to erect a memorial fountain at Newport, R. I., to his memory. Eugene Morahan, sculptor, of New York City, was commissioned to make the design. Mr. Morahan has selected red Westerly granite as material for the work and contract has been awarded by him to the New England Granite Works to furnish the same.

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General Sporting Notes.

Ball players no longer infest the hotels, when the league meetings are going on.

The Eastern league may not have been a success financially during the past season, but all the magnates showed up well, and in a way that made people think some bankers were holding a meeting in their recent gathering at Worcester, Mass.

Another recruit has been recommended to the Giants by Andy Coakley, this time it being a young pitcher from Atlantic Highlands by the name of Sterling Stryker. He will be given a tryout next spring by McGraw at the training camp.

Jack Dunn of the Baltimore club has developed some wonderful pitchers during the past four years. He has given to the American league Babe Ruth and Ernie Shore to the Red Sox, Russell to the New York team and Danforth to Chicago.

Much in the batting line is expected of Thrasher, a youngster picked up by Connie Mack last fall. Thrasher is a husky lad and evidently knows how to wield a bat to the best effect.

Arthur Fletcher of the Giants has a peculiar record in the matter of bases on balls and strikeouts during the past two seasons. In the two years, he has walked 19 times, six in 1915 and 13 in 1916, less than any other player in either league. He fanned exactly 36 times during each season.

Big Bill James, one of the three hurlers, who twirled the Braves to victory in 1914, and has been out of the running during the past two years on account of a lame arm, expects to come back another year. James, who is in California now, recently gave his arm a tryout by pitching five innings against the Chicago club in the California winter league, and holding them scoreless during his time in the box. He is confident that the wing is as good as ever. His return to form would mean a great deal to the Braves in 1917.

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OVERLAND RECORD IN THE FROZEN NORTH BY AIRSLED

Scotty Allan, Famous Driver of Dog
Teams, Cuts Nome-Valdez Trip
70 Days with New
Device.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Scotty Allan, three times winner of the Alaskan sweepstakes, with a team of dogs, has established a new record for speedy traveling in the frozen North by making the round trip from Nome to Valdez in little more than 10 days by means of an "aero" sled. By dog teams the trip usually is made in about 80 days. The news of Allan's achievement became known here yesterday with the arrival of Frank O'Connor, Nome agent of a steamship company.

Allan recently took dogs to France for use in the battlefront in the Vosges mountains, and on his way back to Nome he purchased an engine and propeller, which he installed on a sled. After several trials he undertook the Nome-Valdez journey, about 1,100 miles, in the face of much skepticism. He started from Nome, and 72 hours later he arrived in Valdez, and returning reached Nome on Nov. 11.

His machine is described as a combination hydroplane, airplane and sled, with gasoline as the motive power.

FARM BANK IN SPRINGFIELD.

First District of Which This Will Be
the Center, It is Reported.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The federal farm loan board expects to announce within a few days the location of the twelve farm loan banks to be established throughout the country.

It is reported that the first district will comprise all New England, also New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, with the bank located in Springfield, and with Herbert Myrick as president of the board of five directors. Roger Sherman Hoar of Concord is regarded as likely to be a director and general counsel.

The name of the bank will probably be the Springfield Federal Farm Loan bank. It was intended to have the farm loan banks in operation by New Year's, but the delay in selecting the districts has made that impossible. By the provisions of the act subscriptions to the capital stock of \$750,000 of each bank must be open for thirty days. After that period the government will subscribe whatever sum has not been taken up by the district associations. About sixty local associations are in process of formation in the district.

Liquidation.

Markley—See here, you've owed me \$20 for a year now. Don't you think it's time you liquidated the debt?
Burroughs—Sure! I'll buy you a drink if that's what you mean.

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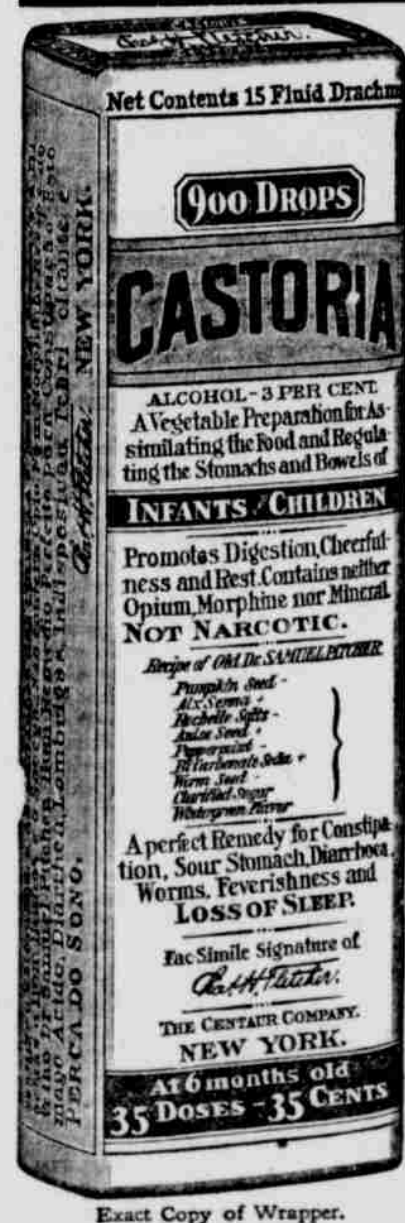
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